

2005 NORTH LAMAR AVENUE (HOUSE)  
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Tampa  
Hillsborough County  
Florida

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PHOTOGRAPHS

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HISTORIC AMERICAN BUILDINGS SURVEY  
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**Location:** 2005 North Lamar Avenue, Tampa, Hillsborough County, Florida

**Significance:** This building's architectural and historical significance is derived from its contribution to the Tampa Heights National Register Historic District. This district is significant for its importance to Tampa's architectural heritage, as it contains many of the City's best remaining examples of late nineteenth century and early twentieth century domestic and religious buildings. The Tampa Heights neighborhood also has local historical significance based on its association with the rapid growth of Tampa from the turn-of-the-century through the 1920s.

**Description:** The Lois L. Carr Educational Center, located at 2005 North Lamar Avenue is currently owned by the Florida Department of Transportation. It is located on the same lot as the Faith Temple Missionary Baptist Church building, and situated immediately north of the church. This former private residence faces west onto North Lamar Avenue. The two-and-one-half-story Frame Vernacular building was constructed ca. 1905, and features a balloon frame structural system that rests on a brick pier foundation with wood lattice infill. The side-gabled roof is surfaced with composition shingles and has a gable dormer on the front façade. An interior brick chimney is located along the ridgeline of the roof, offset towards the southern section of the house. The exterior is clad in asbestos siding. A three-bay, full-width, hipped-roof porch with Tuscan wood columns is located on the front façade. Poured concrete steps lead to the wood floor of the porch. The east (rear) façade has a full-width, rear porch that has been enclosed. Fenestration consists of metal single-hung sash windows with two-over-two and one-over-one configurations, and metal sliding windows with one-pane configurations. Originally, the first story of the front façade exhibited symmetrical paired windows. However, the addition of a door opening in the northern bay has altered this configuration. The attic windows exhibit a Palladian motif. Exterior ornamentation includes wood window and door surrounds, and the Tuscan columns supporting the porch roof. Alterations to this building include the addition of metal stairs on the south side of the house that lead to a wood ramp atop the porch roof. This wood ramp has wood railings and allows access to a door opening in the center bay of the second story. These elements were added to accommodate the division of the private residence into a duplex, which is further evidenced by the addition of other door openings and window alterations on the west and east elevations of the house. Additional alterations include the replacement of original windows and siding, and the enclosure of the rear porch. The interior of the house has also been altered by the conversion to a duplex. The house exhibits two kitchens, one upstairs and one downstairs. The stairwell is centrally located and consists of enclosed stairs. The living and dining rooms on the first floor both exhibit a corner fireplace. The attic contains two bedrooms, and storage space.

**History:** Tampa Heights was platted in the 1890s and was completely built out by the mid-1920s. The population of this area was largely Euro-American, middle-class business and professional people. Single-family suburban residences were the most common building type in

the neighborhood. According to City Directory research, the building housing the Lois L. Carr Educational Center was purchased by Faith Temple Missionary Baptist Church sometime between 1988 and 1990. The building was originally a private residence, and the 1910 Tampa City Directory lists T.R. Moore, a printer, and his wife Annie as the owners. In the 1960s, the City Directory lists the building as the Callahan Dental Laboratory, and was owned and operated by Edward H. Callahan, who also resided in the building. City Directory research also revealed that in the 1970s, the building reverted back to residential use, and it appears that in 1985 the house was being used as a duplex, as the City Directory lists two names as occupants.

**Sources:**

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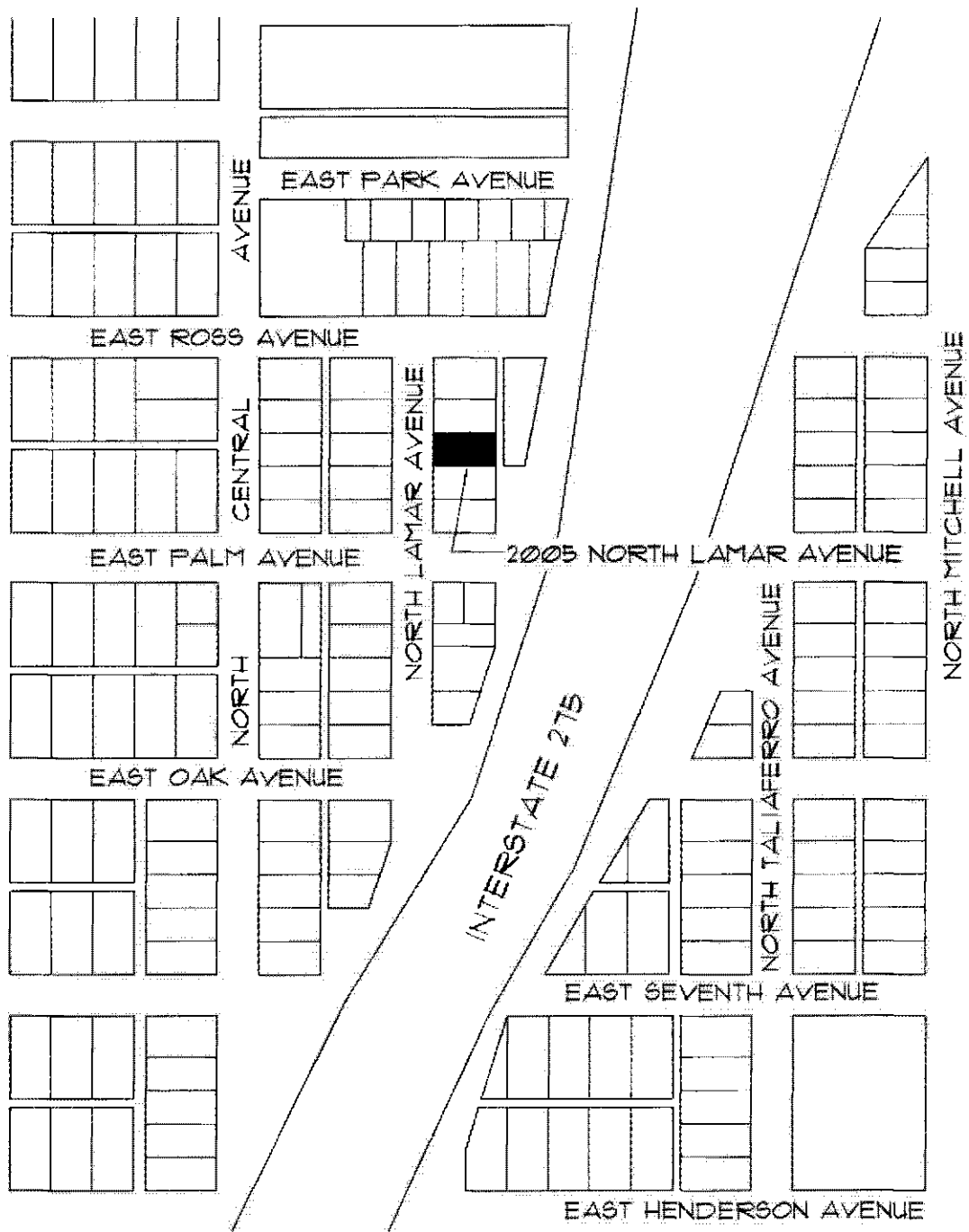
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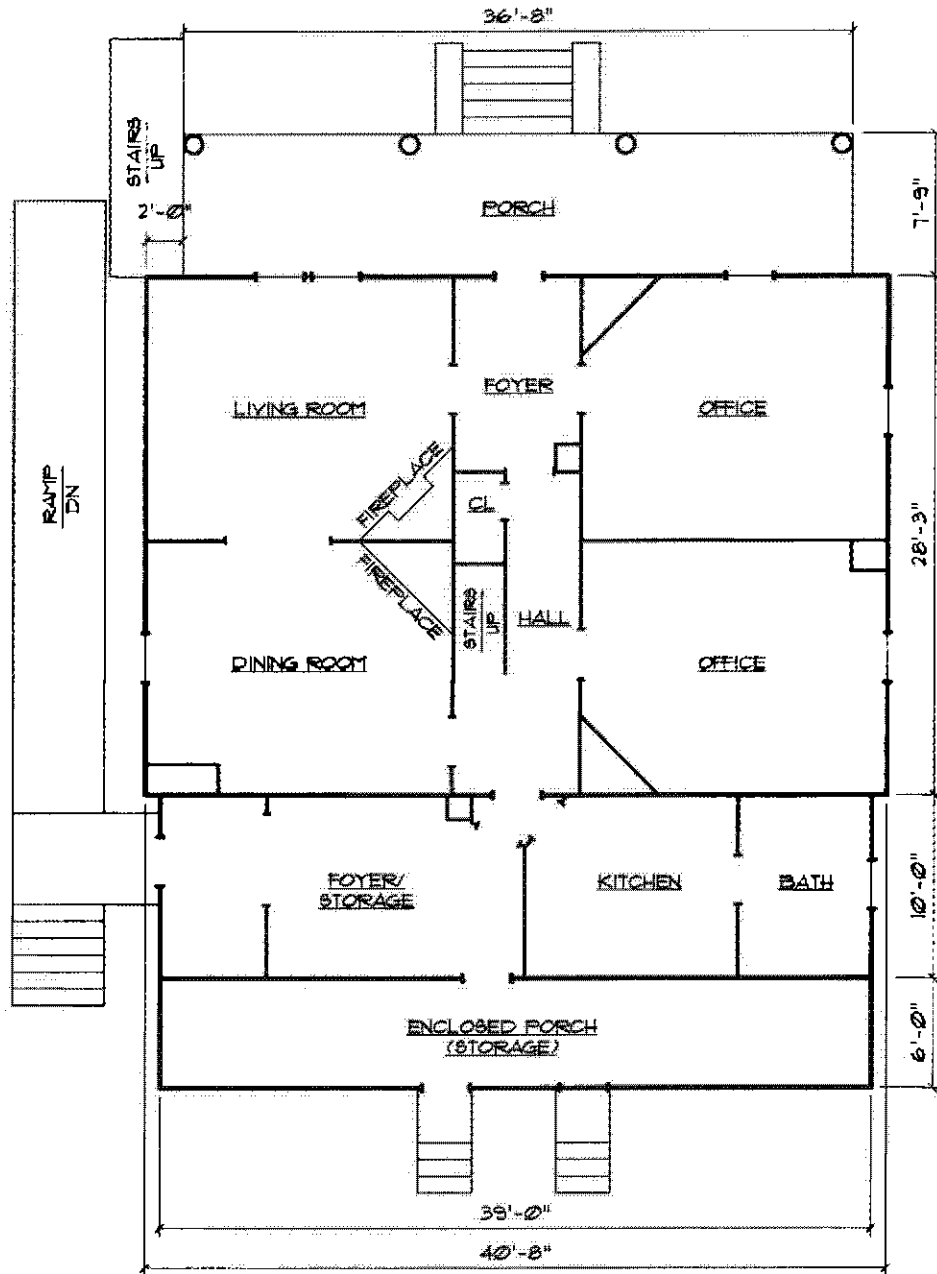
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**Historian:**

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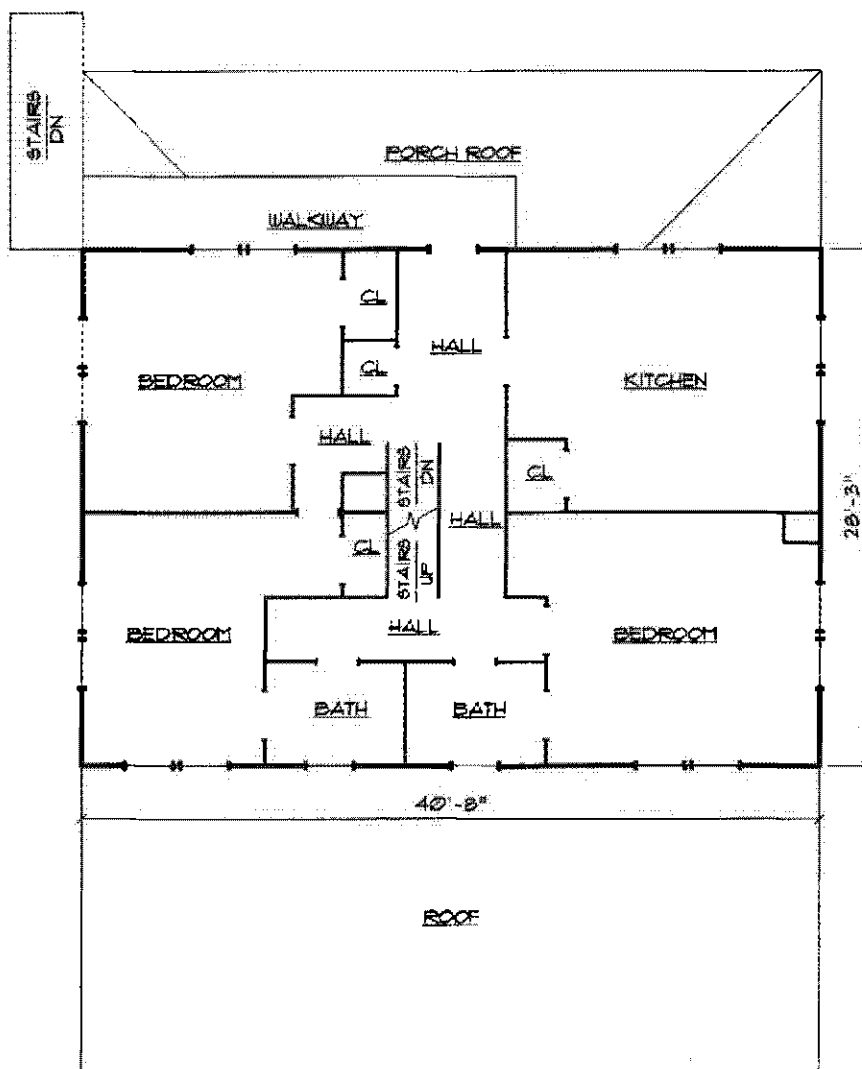
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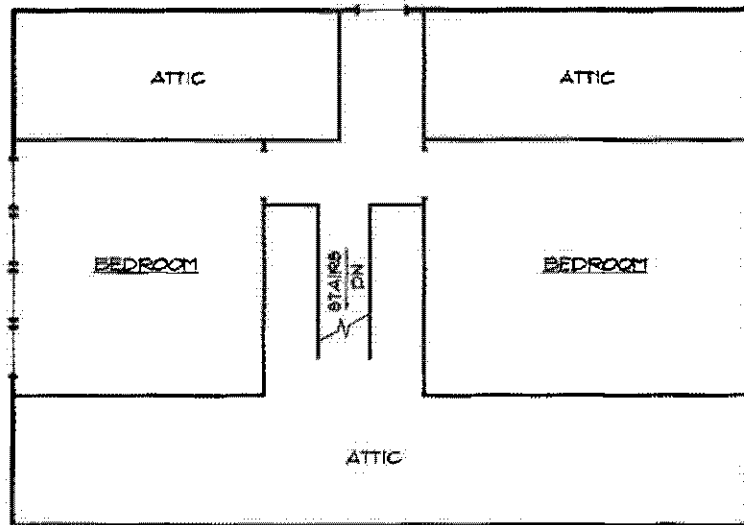
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THIRD FLOOR PLAN SKETCH

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